Food parks in Himachal Pradesh

2177. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up food parks in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposals from the Himachal Pradesh Government to set up food parks in other districts of the State also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these food parks are likely to be set up in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) The Government has not received any proposal from Himachal Pradesh to set up Food Parks in any District, including Kangra District of the State. After the closure of the Food Park Scheme under the 10th Five Year Plan with effect from 31st March, 2007, the Ministry has recently introduced a Plan Scheme for Infrastructure Development for Food Processing Industries — Mega Food Parks Scheme - during the 11th Five Year Plan. Under this Scheme, 30 Mega Food Parks are envisaged to be established throughout the country with a higher level of financial assistance.

FPIs in Rajasthan

2178. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss suffered due to lack of cold storage/warehouse/food processing/storage facilities in the country, during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total amount allocated to improve these facilities during the period, State-wise;

(c) the extent of increase registered in the capacity of cold storage warehouse/food processing in each State; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to set up these facilities in Rajasthan, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) According to the Vision 2015 report prepared by Rabo Bank, the level of wastage of agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 58,000/- crores annually, occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented farming, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities *etc.* The loss due to wastages could be reduced by promoting the development of food processing industries, strengthening of post-harvest infrastructure and filling the gaps in the supply chain. However, the

substantial rate of growth of the food processing industry from 7% in 2003-04 to 13.14 % in 2006-07 and the increase in total investment in food processing sector to Rs. 40,000 crore in 2006-07 has contributed to reduction of wastages and better value addition. Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not maintain state specific data regarding extent of loss due to lack of cold storages/warehouse/food processing/storage facilities.

Since financial assistance schemes are project oriented, no funds have been allocated State-wise. The budget allocation utilized by the Ministry on infrastructure development including cold storages during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 was Rs. 15.65 crore, Rs. 13.21 crore and Rs. 14.80 crore respectively.

As per the information available with Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, the capacity of cold storages in the country has been increased from 216.94 lakh MT as on 31.12.2006 to 233.34 lakh MT as on 31.12.2007 A statement indicating State-wise increase in capacity of cold storages is enclosed. (*See* below)

To encourage setting up of cold chain facilities and backward linkages in the country, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has a Plan Scheme for Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure during the 11th Plan to provide financial assistance to project proposals received from public/private organizations for cold chain infrastructure development. The scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 50% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 75% for North Eastern Region and difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 crore. The initiatives are aimed at filling the gaps in the supply chain, strengthening of cold chain infrastructure, establishing value addition with infrastructural facilities like sorting, grading, packaging and processing for horticulture including organic produce, marine, dairy, poultry, *etc*. Other agencies of the Government like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processing Food Products Development Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance for cold storages under their respective schemes.

An increase has been registered in capacity of cold storages in Rajasthan from 3.12 lakh MT as on 31.12.2006 to 3.15 lakh MT as on 31.12.2007.'

Statement

State-wise increase in capacity of cold storage as on 31/12/2007

Sl. No.	State/UT	As on 31.12.2006		As on 31.12.2007	
		Total No	Total Capacity in MTs	Total No	Total Capacity in MTs
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands (UT)	02	210	02	210
2.	Andhra Pradesh	276	820808	281	845811

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	5000	01	5000
4.	Assam	23	70916	25	90826
5.	Bihar	238	910582	252	1310466
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	06	12216	06	12216
7.	Chhattisgarh	55	266022	60	278706
8.	Delhi	93	126091	93	126091
9.	Gujarat	374	973768	377	1112254
10.	Goa	28	7105	28	7105
11.	Haryana	243	392121	243	392121
12.	Himachal Pradesh	17	18375	17	18375
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	19	42869	19	42869
14.	Jharkhand	25	80625	43	170148
15.	Kerala	177	47298	184	56765
16.	Karnataka	138	253168	157	397034
17.	Lakshadweep (UT)	01	15	01	15
18.	Maharashtra	437	510854	448	527737
19.	Madhya Pradesh	179	762802	185	775156
20.	Manipur	00	00	00	00
21.	Meghalaya	03	3200	03	3200
22.	Mizoram	00	00	00	00
23.	Nagaland	02	6150	02	6150
24.	Orissa	90	216420	94	224240
25.	Pondicherry (UT)	03	85	03	85
26.	Punjab	420	1337517	420	1337517
27.	Rajasthan	106	312130	107	314747
28.	Sikkim	00	00	00	00
29.	Tamil Nadu	136	227229	139	236853
30.	Tripura	08	18450	11	29450
31.	Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand	1567	8931918	1588	9039047
32.	West Bengal	434	5340042	527	5973500
	Total	5101	21693986	5316	23333694

Source: DMI, M/o Agriculture